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In this regard, two major events have occurred over the past 20 years: Consumption of cigarettes with lower tar has increased and the tumorigenic potential of tar has decreased. Earlier studies have shown that a lower lung and larynx cancer risk exists among long-term smokers of filter cigarettes than among smokers of nonfilter brands. We provide further evidence, encouraging in light of the growing population of lower tar cigarettes.

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